

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting
9:00 a.m. May 24, 2012
Online/Teleconferenced meeting via GoToWebinar

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairman Butch Klaveano
Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members Present

Butch Klaveano	Joe Coombs	Tony Stadelman
William Agosta	Kathy Hamel	
Sarah Cooke	Jerry Hendrickson (listened in)	

Others Present

Alison Halpern	Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
Wendy DesCamp	Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
Glenn Lebsack	Clark County Vegetation Management
Angelica Velazquez	Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board
Greg Haubrich	Washington State Department of Agriculture
Cathy Lucero	Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board

Handouts Provided:

- Agenda for meeting
- Draft minutes for the March 12 meeting
- Office reports for March and April
- Budget summary April 2012
- Draft WSNWCB Ethical Guidelines

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

VOTE	Tony Stadelman	Moved to approve minutes for the March 12, 2012 board meeting
	Sarah Cooke	Seconded the motion
		All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

- Butch Klaveano noted that they have had good spray coverage on yellow starthistle in Garfield County and that many landowners have participated in the NWCB's cost-share program.
- Tony Stadelman mentioned that it had been raining in Grant County.
- Sarah Cooke mentioned that she had met with Tony and Alison in North Bend.
- Joe Coombs noted that the Spokane County NWCB weed inspectors had been seeing unusual amounts of toadflax this year.

OFFICE REPORT

The Board reviewed the March and April office reports. Alison mentioned that she and Wendy attended and presented at the Coordinators' Conference in March. Both had attended and/or

presented at many of the spring CWMA meetings. They were preparing for end-of-fiscal year, preparing publications and outreach campaign.

MARKETING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Board reviewed three logos. Wendy provided an update about the State Weed Board's outreach campaign.

- The goal of the outreach campaign was to create a clear, positive, empowering message for the residents of Washington that would give them an action they could take.
- The marketing agency Drake Cooper had developed the main logo "Weed 'Em Out: Noxious Weeds Damage Our Resources". The goal was to develop a primary message that encouraged people to remove ('how') noxious weeds ('what') because they damage our resources ('why'). The word 'our' was chosen to make the slogan inclusive, and the word 'resources' was meant to be vague to include all types of economic, agricultural, and ecological resources.
- The Board also received an additional pair of logos with the message "Weed 'em and Reap". While the first logo focused on basic awareness, the second slogan went a step further by reminding people that by removing noxious weeds, one would reap (sometimes literally) the benefits. One logo focused on natural resources and the other focused on agriculture.

WSDA UPDATE

Greg Haubrich provided the update.

- Bridget Simon was working part-time working for WSDA again and just completed the Yakima River CWMA plan.
- RFP for knotweed control was distributed and the closing date was the end of May. The knotweed program moved from general fund to ALEA so projects could now run up to the end of the fiscal biennium instead of every fiscal year.
- Spartina monitoring and eradication would be starting soon.
- There was less FHP funding available this year. It had been \$310K but was now only expected to be \$142.5K next funding cycle.

The Board discussed:

- Steven Link had stepped down after providing six years of service as a scientific advisor. Alison is working with Greg to find a suitable replacement for that position.
- Tim Miller was on sabbatical through October and Dave Heimer from WDFW had agreed to serve as interim chair of the Noxious Weed Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the budget summary for April. Alison explained that she had been working on projected expenditures for May and June to estimate end-of-year budget. Sarah and Tony had looked at these projections at their North Bend meeting. There would be at least a \$1,200 buffer, based on estimated purchases and costs through June.

- Sarah asked whether unspent funds could be used to purchase herbicides or other items. Alison noted that they had purchased herbicide in the past such as Milestone to help with small Class A eradication projects.

REVIEW OF REVISED CODE OF ETHICS POLICY

At the March meeting, Butch had asked Tony, Sarah, and Alison to work on a revised WSNWCB code of ethics (COE). They met in North Bend in early May to draft up a new set of

ethical guidelines based on the COE the Board had already adopted and the suggestions that Tony had provided. The Board reviewed the new draft and discussed:

- The Board's attorney had reviewed the draft and noted that although it was fine to use, the Board still had to comply with the Governor's handbook for state boards and commissions and the ethics and public service act. The guidelines served to enhance and complement the existing COE policy. The Board members did not need to sign the adopted guidelines.
- The Board can recommend that a member with a conflict of interest (COI) in a matter recuse himself or herself, but that the action must be voluntary. If someone violates the Board's COI policy, he or she can be asked to resign from the Board but cannot be forced to do so.
- Bill asked that the Board modify the language about state weed board membership being one's highest priority and the language was adjusted.

VOTE	Tony Stadelman	Moved to adopt the code of ethics guidelines
	Sarah Cooke	Seconded the motion
		All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Alison mentioned that she and Tony had met at the March Coordinators' Conference to review the Board's strategic plan. Tony suggested that they add a measure of accountability that could be addressed in the biennial report. Alison will work further on the draft strategic plan and distribute it to Board members prior to the July meeting.

COORDINATORS FORUM

Angelica Velazquez (Cowlitz County Weed Coordinator): Cowlitz County NWCB has been dealing with dredging material that had been contaminated with Dalmatian toadflax on the Port of Kalama property. She has been working with Alison and Greg Haubrich and Tom Wessels from WSDA to work out a quarantine and management plan with the Port. The Board discussed:

- Tony suggested that they consider scraping 4-5" of contaminated soil and moving it to a new quarantine site rather than covering the contaminated area with tarp.
- Kathy Hamel: Thurston County Weed Coordinator Rick Johnson would be involved in the dredging of Capital Lake.

Alison conveyed the Jefferson County NWCB update on behalf of Cathy Lucero. They were dealing with wild chervil there. Jefferson County was a no-spray county and the roads department was helping wild chervil to spread by mowing it. Because wild chervil can cause molding in baled hay, many farmers are concerned about its spread. A citizen group opposing pesticide use was upset that the Jefferson County NWCB had been spot-spraying wild chervil infestations on county roads. The Board discussed:

- Alison will attend next Jefferson County NWCB meeting to see how the State Weed Board can help and will talk to Farm Bureau.
- Kathy Hamel provided Jefferson County NWCB chair Jill Silver with risk assessments that show the low risk glyphosate poses. Independent studies investigating glyphosate in groundwater did not find anything significant. World Health Organization (WHO) not concerned about small amount of glyphosate detected in groundwater in Denmark.

- Alison noted that the issue of no-spray ordinances was a growing problem, and Cathy was concerned that Clallam County would follow suit. They were having trouble with wild carrot now. Bill Agosta mentioned there was a similar ordinance in San Juan County. It would be important to get farmers involved, and it would be a good idea for the three counties (Jefferson, Clallam, and San Juan) to work together. Bill agreed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Bill asked if common teasel would be discussed at the meeting. Alison explained that the NWC would update the board about proposed changes to the 2013 weed list at the July meeting.

MEETING EVALUATION

Alison reminded the board that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 30. In the past they have tried to arrange a weed tour in conjunction with the meeting, but since the July meeting often interferes with harvesting or weed spraying, it is difficult to find a good location. She suggested instead that she and Wendy travel so that they can host a few board meetings with state weed board members. It would allow more face-to-face time between Board members and staff and they could invite county weed board members and coordinators to attend.

Butch thanked Kathy Hamel again for all her hard work and time spent with the State Weed Board and congratulated her on her June retirement. He hoped that she enjoyed her retirement.

VOTE	Tony Stadelman	Moved to adjourn the board meeting
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion
		All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

Respectfully submitted,

Butch Klaveano, Chairman
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Tony Stadelman, Secretary
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